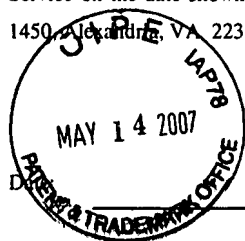


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Patent and Trademark Office Final Rejection mailed December 19, 2006 setting a 3 month period for response of March 19, 2007.

Please amend the specification as follows: